

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, and 3-11 are pending.

It is noted with appreciation that claims 1, 3, 5, and 8-9 are allowed.

Claims 6 and 7 were objected to for minor informalities.

Claims 2, 4, 6-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Beardsley et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,449,697. Claim 2 has been canceled thus rendering the rejection of claim 2 moot.

Claims 4 and 7 initially depended from base claim 2. Claims 4 and 7 have been amended accordingly to depend from claim 1, and recite further limitations of the present invention as recited in claim 1. Claim 7 has been additionally amended to address the cited informality. Claims 4 and 7 are believed to be allowable.

Claim 6 initially depended from base claim 2. Claim 6 has been amended accordingly to depend from claim 5 and recites a further limitation of the present invention as recited in claim 5. Claim 6 has been additionally amended to address the cited informality. Claim 6 is believed to be allowable.

Claims 10 and 11 have been appended, and recite similar subject matter as recited in claims 4 and 7, respectively.

No new matter has been added by the amended claims or by the appended claims.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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